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1. WE BELIEVE SPC SHOULD REMAIN FOCUS OF NATO CONSULTATION

ON OPTION III.

2. THE ROLE OF US-UK-FRG TRILATERAL CONSULTATION EITHER IN BRUSSELS (ON THE MARGINS OF SPC OPTION III MEETINGS)OR, IF NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE, ELSEWHERE, SHOULD FACILITATE OR SUPPLEMENT SPC WORK AND NOT BE ALLOWED TO DELAY IT. IF SPC DISCUSSION TURNS TO PARAS 4-9, WE SHOULD NOT SEEK TO DELAY IT PENDING TRILATERALS. GIVEN THE STATED FRG AND UK UNREADINESS TO ADDRESS THESE TOPICS, HOWEVER, THE US SHOULD NOT PRESS FOR SUCH DISCUSSION. WE WOULD HOPE THAT REDRAFTED UK PAPER WOULD NOT BE TABLED IN SPC PRIOR TO THE TRILATERA DISCUSSION AGREED TO IN REFTEL B. INGERSOLL

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